

MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS

July 20, 2016

1. Call to Order

The Board of Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to Order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2016.

2. Roll Call

The following Officers were present: Moderator Michelle Vacca, Clerk Dianne Vumback, Treasurer William T. Sisco, Tax Collector Mary Delisio, Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, Fire Chief Todd Findeisen, and Members-at-Large Marilyn Bellesheim and Holly Sisco-Bowen. Solicitor John P. Toscano, Jr. was also present.

3. Consent Calendar

(a) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio

and seconded by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen to accept the minutes of May 18, 2016 with corrections and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the meeting minutes of May 18, 2016 with corrections.

(Bellesheim, Delisio, D’Onofrio, Findeisen, Sisco-Bowen, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – yes)

(b) Appointment and Resignations

4. New Business

(a) Discussion Plat 175-027

There was a tax bill generated for Plat 175-027 – of which the district owns through tax sale. Property valued at \$10,000 (tax bill \$113) is roughly .09 of an acre. There was a subsequent discussion on the Beach Alert letter that went to many residents regarding the west end of the beach. There is a planned protest scheduled for July 21, 2016 in this area. A discussion ensued on the future use of this property and the need to ensure the district’s insurance policy covers this property.

A motion was made by Tax Assessor Leone D’Onofrio and seconded by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen that we officially go forward with an 81

cent per 1,000 tax rate based on the approved budget, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To officially go forward with an 81 cent per 1,000 tax rate based on the approved budget

(Bellesheim, Delisio, D’Onofrio, Findeisen, Sisco-Bowen, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – yes)

(b) Charter Revision Commission members

Names were given to Charter Revision Commission Chair Leone D’Onofrio of those who expressed interest in serving on this committee at the Annual Meeting. He will reach out to those taxpayers. Mr. D’Onofrio will call on our board to express areas of concerns, ideas or otherwise general feedback/recommendations in order to provide direction for this committee. He kindly requests information from the Board, if possible, at our September meeting.

5. Unfinished Business

(a) Discussion of alternative use of Haviland donation of \$7,500.00

Moderator Vacca and Solicitor Toscano will work on handling the donation with the Haviland family. The Moderator’s suggestion will be to purchase two bike racks and a wheel chair.

(b) Old oil tank removal Fire House

Moderator Vacca will handle organizing the removal of the oil tank by November 2016.

6. Communications and Reports

(a) Report of Treasurer William T. Sisco

- **See report attached regarding financials.**

Upon motion duly made by Clerk Dianne Vumback and seconded by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, to move the under-expended funds in the beach account – totaling \$15,729.25 and apply it to the over-expended accounts (insurance \$3,839.36 and capital expenditures \$11,889.89), and it was unanimously,

VOTED: to move the under-expended funds in the beach account – totaling \$15,729.25 and apply it to the over-expended accounts (insurance \$3,839.36 and capital expenditures \$11,889.89).

(Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Findeisen, Sisco-Bowen, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – yes)

(b) Report of Solicitor John P. Toscano

- **Tax Sale is being continually handled by the Solicitor.**

(c) Report of Tax Collector Mary Z. Delisio

- **Arrears list with interest thru July 31, 2016 totals \$12,214.99**

(d) Report of Fire Chief Todd Findeisen

- **Season started off busy, now it is slowing down (one major call was the plane crash).**
- **There was a joint training with the lifeguards on July 19th with the boat and jet ski.**
- **The Fire Chief will be busy with the building of the new truck, should be ready to go out to bid end of September, recommendation may be October/November to the board.**
- **Smokey the Bear parade is tomorrow (July 21, 2016)**

(e) Report of Moderator Michelle M. Vacca

- **Beach passes – Moderator turned down four to five people looking to purchase weekly passes who did not have owner/tenant rights.**
- **Discussion ensued over how forged beach passes were handed to beach attendants to gain access to the beach. We were advised that this was forgery of an official document and an arrest can be made.**
- **It was recommended that the Beach Access group look at measures to eliminate forgery from occurring in the future.**
- **Last Thursday, someone drove through the fence on Lawton Avenue Beach. Insurance contact has been made – roughly \$1,500 in damage.**
- **The Moderator read a letter addressed to the Board from Wayne and Lori Shuhi in gratitude for being recognized with the Gerard Nardone Award.**

7. Agenda Referrals

The following items are referred to the next Board meeting under the agenda item of New Business:

- **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held July 20, 2016.**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Misquamicut Fire District will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. unless called sooner by a board member.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member at Large Marilyn Bellesheim to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m., and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

(Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Findeisen, Sisco-Bowen, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – yes)

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback

Clerk